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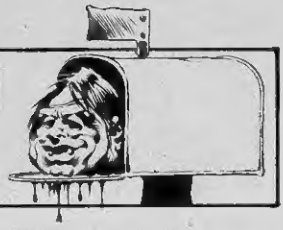
# DEAR COUSIN EERIE



The cover of **EERIE** #124 looked like it was printed in 1866 instead of 1966! Thank God even **Frank Frazetta** demonstrates that a great artist needs time to mature. He has come a long way over the years.

The cover blurb was misleading. **Warren** magazines simply do not feature tales of gruesome horror any more . . . especially **EERIE**, which seems to be striving for an epic, contemporary, sword and sorcery, sci-fi style—anything but gruesome horror!

"Pyramid of the Black Sun" was the best story in issue #124. It was about time that **Alabaster Redzone** wrote something worth reading. The art, by Luis Bermejo, resembled the art of **Victor de la Fuente**, and it was fabulous!

"Cagim" was good, no more. **E.R. Cruz's** art was better than usual. The ending was confusing: is the story to end here, or not? I hope not!

"God of Light" was another good story. **Budd Lewis'** script was astounding and **Bob Morello's** art, as usual, was stunning. It was nice to see some blood on the pages of a **Warren** magazines for a change!

**JOEY BROWNING**
**Williamson, W. Va.**

"Haggarth" continues to crawl along at its own sluggish pace. **Victor de la Fuente** has his hero searching for his identity in one chapter, and playing among rebels and thieves in the next. Neither theme supports the other, neither one coming to any foreseeable end.

If each chapter of "Haggarth" were a pithy little piece in itself, I would not complain. If every chapter provided a thrill or a revelation, I wouldn't be kicking. But **de la Fuente** takes twenty pages to provide the interest that many lesser artists and writers can deliver in eight. But **de la Fuente** is a great comic artist! He doesn't need me to tell him so. It is obvious that he thinks so too. He is so arrogant as to think that his fans will eat up anything he gives them, in whatever small doses he deigns to spoon up. In the meantime, though, many minor talents have caught up to **de la Fuente** and passed him. Let someone else write his scripts for him—and force him to move a story at a pace that will not put us in a lassitudinous coma! Otherwise I have no complaints.

**GEOFFREY PALINE**
**Alexandria, Va.**

"Cagim" is a **loser!** Every chapter of his interminable story gets him in deeper trouble! He loses Arthur, Merlin, that reporter chick . . . the world is going to come to an end around his ears and all he can do is crawl on the beach and cry like a baby! His detection abilities are such that readers who read at first-grade level are way ahead of him. Writer **Budd Lewis** and artist **E.R. Cruz** have combined to create something that folks will be trying to forget for years to come!

Not so easily forgettable is "God of Light," gratefully the last installment of the adventures of that multi-orbed carrot-head Mah 'Sess. It is nothing new to read confused and moronic scripts from **Budd Lewis**, but artist **Bob Morello** continued to confound me! One panel is brilliant, the next is eminently flushable. **Morello** is a major talent, it's obvious, but he needs to discipline himself because when he's bad, he's atrocious!

**KEVIN BORRELLI**
**New York, N.Y.**

I was sad to see the story of Mah 'Sess end with "God of Light" in **EERIE** #124. **Bob Morello's** fantastic artwork can be addicting. I need more of his grotesque demons and sprawling battle scenes, more of his breathtaking landscapes and full-page extravaganzas!

The script of this series at first seemed scattered and confused, but now, looking back, it is apparent that **Budd Lewis** knew exactly where he was going with it . . . for Mah Sess' ascent into the heavens made perfect sense, following from what had come before. He had created the Evil as a naive youth, and he was the only one that could eliminate it, and in so doing, redeem himself.

I can't wait to be seeing more of **Bob Morello's** work in **EERIE**, or in other **Warren** Magazines. Perhaps . . . a Morello cover in color! That would be something!

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**Victor de la Fuente's** "Haggarth" is one of the greatest items to be printed by **Warren Publishing** in a long time. It should serve as a model for all writers and artists in the comics medium. The **Val Mayerik-Don McGregor** team of "The Mist" should especially sit up and take notice of "Haggarth." With his uncanny ability, **de la Fuente** can make us understand and care for even the most unimportant characters with his precise artwork and spare prose. No fat! Not a speck of cereal! I am neither an artist nor a writer, so I can not analyze his method. I can only say that it works for me. I look forward to the following installments of "Haggarth" as I do for no other **EERIE** series.

Coincidentally, in issue number 124, another new series popped up that closely rivals **de la Fuente**. That is "Pyramid of the Black Sun" by **Luis Bermejo** and **Alabaster Redzone. Bermejo's** art does closely resemble that of **de la Fuente's**, but that is not to say that this particular style is the only one which can be so involving. It is a matter, I believe, of the art and the writing perfectly complementing one another with no overlap and no redundancy and no transparent attempt by the contributors reaching for something that comics cannot sustain. Very often it seems that writers of this medium think they're movie directors. Not so. By disciplining themselves, as any great artist must do, comics can achieve something that no other medium can. **De la Fuente** manages to do it everytime, which sheds hope on the efforts of the others.

**BRUCE McKEAN**
**Salem, Mass.**

**EERIE** #124 brought true **humor** back to the comics in one brilliant stroke! The "Mah 'Sess" series was all building up to the birth of the mega-demon Baligorn. **Bob Morello's** brilliant artwork, and his way with demons, led us to expect something fantastic . . . something frightening!

When I saw the Baligorn, I **howled!** That was the most absurd looking monster I've seen since the dinosaurs in "Caveman!" It looked like somebody's (**Morello's?**) parody of the Statue of Liberty! The story fell apart for me after that, but I got a great laugh from it. But please . . . no more surprises. I almost got thrown out of study hall!

**F.S.**
**Berkeley, Calif.**

Let's see a cover by that fabulous artist **Bob Morello.** I know it would be collector's item in no time at all! I hope that the editors at **Warren Publishing** give serious thought to this!

**CHARLES McKEEN**
**Smithtown, L.I.**

# THE NEW ZUD KAMISH

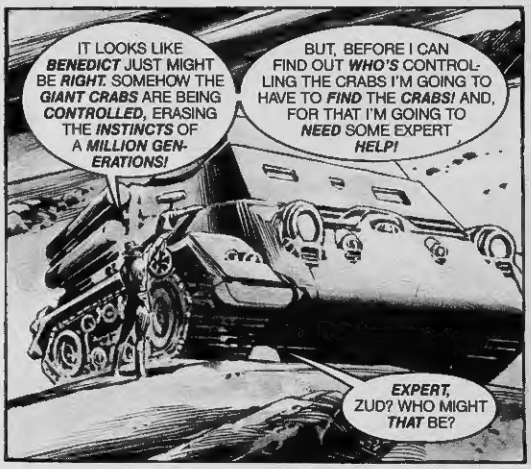
SHOBI, THE MOST DESOLATE PLANET IN THE FAR FLUNG, IS A DESERT ENCRUSTED GLOBE WHICH CIRCLES TOO CLOSELY AROUND ITS MIDGET SUN...!

HERE WE FIND ZUD KAMISH, ADVENTURER-SUPREME, ON A MISSION SO DIRE, THAT SHOULD HE FAIL, THE ENTIRE ECONOMY OF THE FAR FLUNG COULD COLLAPSE, SETTING THE STAGE FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE ENTIRE INTER-GALACTIC GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM!

DO YOU SCAN ANYTHING, ZUD?

NOT A BLASTED THING, SPARKGAP! BY ALL RIGHTS THIS REGION SHOULD BE SWARMING WITH MIGRATING CRABS, BUT THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF THEM...!

# CRABS



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EVEN AT *FULL SPEED* IT WILL TAKE THE *LANDRAM* AN *HOUR* TO GET BACK TO TOWN. TO PASS THE TIME, ZUD *REVIEWS* THE RECENT PAST...!

IT'S HARD TO *BELIEVE* THAT JUST A *WEEK* AGO WE WERE ALL ABOARD THE *BIG WHEEL GAMBLING SATELLITE* HAVING THE *TIME* OF OUR *LIVES...!*

VAROOOM!

I WAS HAVING THE KIND OF *LUCK* EVERY GAMBLER *DREAMS* ABOUT!

NUMBER *SEVEN* IS THE *WINNAH!*

THAT'S A *DOZEN* IN A *ROW* HE'S *WON!*

*KAMISH* IS THE *LUCKIEST* YAHOO I'VE EVER *SEEN!*

*SEVEN!!* ZUD, HONEY, THAT'S *YOUR* NUMBER! YOU *WIN AGAIN!*

I THINK THAT'S *ENOUGH* FOR *ONE* NIGHT! CARE FOR SOME *DINNER,* STELLA?

OH, *ZUD,* HONEY, I'M JUST *DYING* FOR SOME *SHOBI-CRAB-STEAK!*

IF IT'S CRABSTEAK YOU *WANT* THEN IT'S CRABSTEAK YOU *GET!*

WHAT DO YOU *MEAN* YOU'RE ALL *OUT* OF *SHOBI-CRABSTEAK?!* IT'S THE MOST *POPULAR* DELICACY IN THE *GALAXY!*

I'M *SORRY* SIR, *BUT–!*

OKAY, YOU *TINPLATED EXCUSE* FOR A–!

DON'T *BERATE* THE WAITER, MR. KAMISH...

...AFTER ALL, IT'S *NOT* HIS *FAULT!*

WHO *ASKED* YOU TO *SIT* DOWN?

BUT I MUST *SPEAK* WITH YOU! I'M *HAMILTON BENEDICT* OF *TRANS STELLAR MEAT PROCESSING,* AND THE *FUTURE* OF MY COMPANY *DEPENDS* ON YOU!

SAY YOUR *PIECE,* BUT I *CHARGE* BY THE *MINUTE!*

IT'S ABOUT THE SHOBI-CRAB *SHORTAGE.* UNLESS *SOMETHING* IS *DONE* SOON THERE WON'T BE A *SCRAP* OF THE *STUFF* TO BE *FOUND* ANYPLACE IN THE *FAR FLUNG!*

THE GIANT CRABS ARE ONLY FOUND ON THE PLANET, SHOBI. THE BEASTS ARE FEROCIOUS, AS LARGE AS SMALL SPACESHIPS! AND THEIR EXO-SKELETONS ARE STRONGER THAN MOST VAULTS. THANKFULLY, THEY'RE VERY DUMB!
BUT THEIR FLESH IS THE SWEETEST, TENDEREST MEAT EVER TASTED BY MAN! MY COMPANY HAS MADE A FORTUNE BY DISTRIBUTING IT!
I ALREADY KNOW ALL THIS, BUT IT'S TELLING ME NOTHING OF THE SHORTAGE!

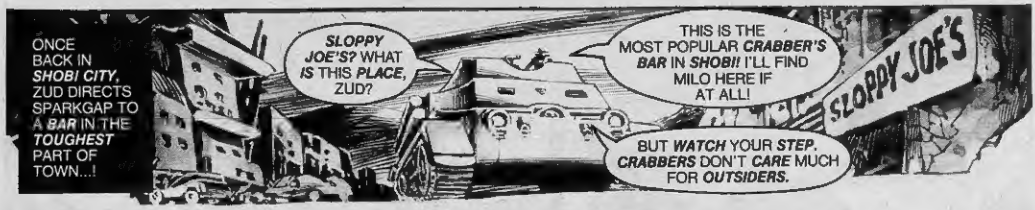
BUT THEY'VE CHANGED OVERNIGHT, FROM BRAINLESS CRETINS! NOW, THEY ACT LIKE A HIGHLY ORGANIZED GROUP THAT SHOWS AN ALMOST HUMANLIKE INTELLIGENCE!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU SMOKING, BENEDICT? THAT'S A PRETTY WILD STORY...!

THIS IS SERIOUS, KAMISHI THEY'VE DESTROYED ARMED CAMPS OF OUR COMPANY CRABBERS!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL, KAMISH!

IF WE DON'T GET THIS MESS STRAIGHTENED OUT, THEN TRANS STELLAR GOES DOWN THE TUBES! IF A COMPANY OUR SIZE FOLDS, IT'S LIABLE TO CAUSE A PANIC AMONG INVESTORS THAT COULD RESULT IN THE ECONOMIC COLLAPSE OF THE FAR FLUNG!

WE'RE PREPARED TO PAY YOU A MILLION CUBITS IN ADVANCE, MR. KAMISHI AND IF YOU SUCCEED, WE'LL MAKE YOU RICHER THAN YOU'VE EVER DREAMED!
BENEDICT, YOU'VE JUST HIRED YOURSELF A HERO! BUT, THERE'S SOMETHING I SHOULD WARN YOU ABOUT...

...WHEN IT COMES TO RICHES, I DREAM VERY, VERY BIG!


ONCE BACK IN SHOBI CITY, ZUD DIRECTS SPARKGAP TO A BAR IN THE TOUGHEST PART OF TOWN...!
SLOPPY JOE'S? WHAT IS THIS PLACE, ZUD?
THIS IS THE MOST POPULAR CRABBER'S BAR IN SHOBI! I'LL FIND MILO HERE IF AT ALL!
SLOPPY JOE'S
BUT WATCH YOUR STEP. CRABBERS DON'T CARE MUCH FOR OUTSIDERS.

PHEW! WHO LET THE STILTLEG AND GUMBALL MACHINE IN?
UH-OH!

WOT'S YER POISON?
A SHOT OF THREE-FINGERED JACK FOR ME, AND A HIT OF GUM-OUT FOR MY CHUM.
RIGHTO...!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? THIS PLACE IS FOR CRABBERS ONLY!

NOW, FRIEND, ALL I–!
YOU AIN'T MY FRIEND!

BUT WE ARE, STRETCH!
ZUD! THERE'S THREE OF 'EM!
MOVE OUT OF MY WAY, 'CAUSE WHEN I MOVE IT'LL HAVE TO BE...

...QUICK!
THKOW!

BLAM!
I'D BETTER RESET MY *STARCOLT* REVOLVER...

POOF!
...AND SEE HOW THE *TERRIBLE TRIO* LIKES A COUPLE OF *SLEEPEAZE* PELLETS!

MIGHTY FAIR *SHOOTING,* STRANGER!
THANKS, THOSE PELLETS I *ZAPPED* YOUR PALS WITH--!
*NO* PALS O' *MINE!*

ANY FRIEND O' *MINE* WOULDA BEEN *SMART* ENOUGH TO *PLUG* YA IN THE *BACK* WITHOUT GIVING YA A *CHANCE!*
NOW BE A *GOOD PILGRIM* AN' *BUY* ME A *DRINK!*
A *PLEASURE,* CHUM. AND MY NAME'S *ZUD KAMISH.* WHAT'S *YOURS?*

*KAMISH,* EH? I ALWAYS *THOUGHT* SOME *TRI-D* SOAP *WRITER* MADE YOU UP. WELL, MY HANDLE'S *MILO MAGNUM!*
I *THOUGHT* AS *MUCH.* YOU'RE THE *REASON* I'M HERE, MILO. I WANT TO TALK *BUSINESS!*
*BUSINESS,* HUH? IN THAT *CASE...*

...LET'S GO *UPSTAIRS* TO MY *OFFICE* WHERE WE WON'T BE *BOTHERED!*
HELLO, BOSS. TROUBLE JUST WALKED IN...

HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY IN A *SECRET* HEADQUARTERS BELONGING TO THE *DEEP SPACE DESPERADOS...!*

*ZUD KAMISH* ON *SHOBI? THAT MEDDLER* IS MORE *TROUBLE* THAN A WHOLE DIVISION OF *ZODIAC MARINES!* HIS PRESENCE COULD SCREW UP OUR WHOLE OPERATION!

*WATCH* IT, BOSS. *REMEMBER* YOUR *BLOOD PRESSURE...!*

HANG *ZUD KAMISH!* HE *MESSED UP* A GOLDEN *OPPORTUNITY* ON *MURRAY'S PLANET!**

BUT, IF OUR PLAN *SUCCEEDS* HERE ON SHOBI WE'LL *DESTROY* THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF THE *FAR FLUNG,* ALLOWING THE DEEP SPACE DESPERADOES TO STEP IN AND *TAKE OVER!*

*SEE *EERIE* #122 "THE CHAMELEON STANDS REVEALED!"

I WANT THIS *ORDER* SENT OUT TO ALL OUR *OPERATIVES.* IF ZUD KAMISH *STICKS* HIS *NOSE* IN OUR *BUSINESS* THEN *CUT* IT *OFF...!*

AND START *SLICING* AT THE *NECK!*

AT THAT MOMENT BACK IN MILO'S OFFICE...!

WHY SHOULD I *HELP YOU* AND *TRANS STELLAR?* US *GYPSY HUNTERS* HAVEN'T HAD ANY *TROUBLE* WITH THE *CRABS!*

BECAUSE WITH A *BIG BOY* LIKE TRANS STELLAR *OUT* OF THE *WAY,* THEN YOU'LL BE *NEXT!*

*OKAY,* KAMISH. I'LL *HELP* YOU, BUT JUST *REMEMBER:* WHEN A CRAB IS *PEELING* YOUR HIDE OFF YOUR *SKELETON,* DON'T LOOK TO ME FOR *HELP!* I'LL BE TOO BUSY *SAVING* MY *OWN* SKIN!

SOUNDS *FAIR* TO ME! NOW LET'S GET BACK *DOWNSTAIRS* AND *KILL* THE REST OF THAT *BOTTLE!*

Y'KNOW, KAMISH, YOU'RE BEGINNING TO *SOUND* LIKE AN *ALL RIGHT* GUY...

...FOR AN *OVERSIZED FREAK,* THAT IS!

AT *DAWN* THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE *HUNT* COMMENCES AFTER A FRANTIC NIGHT OF PREPARATION...!

THIS IS *MILO* TO *CUTTER*. I VE GOT A *CRAB* ON MY *SCOPE*. I SHOULD *CATCH* UP TO HIM IN TEN TO TWELVE MINUTES !

THIS SHOULD BE A *PIECE* OF *CAKE*. HE'S A LONE WOLF!

*ROGER*, MILO! WE RE *ON* OUR *WAY!* CUTTER OUT!

*WHAT'S* GOING ON *ZUD?*

THE ONLY *SOFT* SPOT ON A CRAB'S BODY IS A *SMALL PATCH* ON ITS *BELLY. MISS* IT, AND THERE'S *PRACTICALLY* NO WAY TO *KILL* THE *BEAST!*

AND WE'RE HAULING MILO'S *CUTTERS*. ONCE HE *SLAYS* THE *BEAST* WE'LL LAND AND THEY'LL SAW UP THE *MEAT* AND *HAUL* IT *BACK* TO SHOBI CITY WHERE THE *MEAT BUYERS* ARE WAITING!

OH I SEE

I HAVE *VISUAL CONTACT!* HE'S AN *EIGHT-TONNER* FOR SURE!

I M GOING IN FOR THE *KILL!*

OKAY, JUST A LITTLE *MORE* TO YOUR *LEFT* ...*MORE* *MORE*...
*COMPRESSED AIR CAPSULES* PROPEL THE *GRAPPLING HOOKS* TOWARD THE GIANT AS...
...*NOW!!*
*GOT* HIM! NOW IF I CAN *FLIP* HIM *OVER* AND *FINISH* HIM *OFF!*
HOLY HANNAH! IT'S A BLOODY *TRAP!*
THAT CRAB'S *LURED* ME INTO A *TRAP!* *FOUR* OF HIS *BUDDIES* WERE *BURIED* UNDER THE SAND *WAITING* FOR ME!

WITH UNNATURAL MILITARY PRECISION, THE CRABS CIRCLE AND READY THEMSELVES FOR THE COUP DE GRACE!
THKOW!
BLAM
HEY KAMISH, GET YOUR KEESTER IN HERE, 'CAUSE THERE S NO WAY THAT I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS MESS MYSELF!

HANG ON, MILO WE RE COMIN' IN TO GET YOU!

YER NUTS, MISTER! WE CAN'T LAND DOWN THERE! THOSE THINGS LL CRACK US LIKE AN EGGSHELL!
THEN GO DOWN AS FAR AS YOU CAN! I'LL DO THE REST!

ZUD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JUST WHAT I DO BEST...
BEING A HERO!

THE FOOL! HE MUST BELIEVE ALL THOSE CRAZY STORIES FOLKS TELL ABOUT HIM!

SNAP!
I NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT, BUT YOU PULLED IT OFF, KAMISH!
YEAH! WE'D BETTER GET MILO BACK TO A HOSPITAL, BUT FIRST WANT YOU TO DROP ME ON THE BACK OF THAT LAST CRAB
WHAT?
ARE YOU CRAZY, MAN? YOU'LL BE KILLED!
NO! THEY'VE STOPPED TEARING UP YOUR MACHINE, AND THEY'RE ALL TAKING OFF IN THE SAME DIRECTION!
AND I VE GOT A NOTION THAT WHOEVER'S CONTROLLING THEM IS CALLING THEM HOME!
IF WE FOLLOW 'EM IN THE CUTTER THEIR MASTERS WILL SPOT US EASY! BUT WILL THEY SPOT AN EXTRA FLEA ON ONE OF THEIR PETS?
BEAUTIFUL! NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TO RIDE THIS BABY HOME, AND THEN THE FIREWORKS CAN BEGIN!

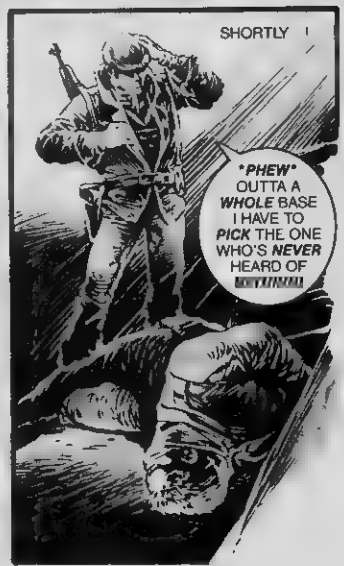
THRUOUT THE *LONG DAY* THE CRABS MOVE AT A STEADY *PACE* ACROSS THE SERE PANS, ROLLING SANDS AND CRAGGY RIDGES, *UNTIL* JUST AFTER *SUNSET...!*
*HMMM!* THESE *BEASTIES* SEEM TO BE *HEADING* STRAIGHT FOR THAT *MOUNTAIN RANGE...!*

NO WONDER *AIR* SEARCHES DIDN'T *REVEAL* ANYTHING *FUNNY* THE CUNNING DEVILS HAVE A *SUBTERRANEAN* BASE!
I'D BETTER FIND SOME *COVER,* AND QUICK!

IT'S *HARD* TO *BELIEVE* THAT THESE ARE THE SAME *CRABS* THAT WERE TRYING TO *EAT* MILO AND ME JUST A FEW HOURS AGO!
NOW THEY'RE *ACTING* MORE LIKE A BUNCH OF *SPASTIC PUSSYCATS!*

NOW THAT GUY *LOOKS* ABOUT MY *SIZE* WONDER IF HE'D *MIND* LOSING HIS *CLOTHES?*

MMMPH!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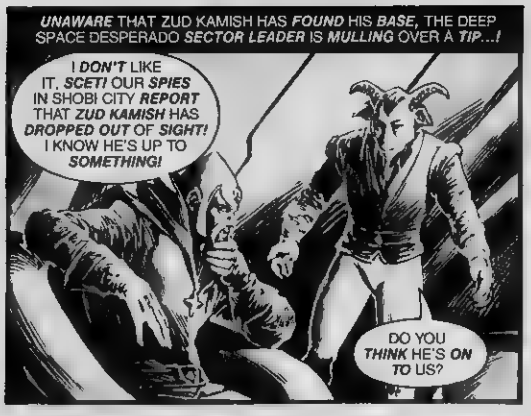
UNAWARE THAT ZUD KAMISH HAS FOUND HIS BASE, THE DEEP SPACE DESPERADO SECTOR LEADER IS MULLING OVER A TIP...!
I DON'T LIKE IT, SCET! OUR SPIES IN SHOBI CITY REPORT THAT ZUD KAMISH HAS DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT! I KNOW HE'S UP TO SOMETHING!
DO YOU THINK HE'S ON TO US?

IT'S HARD TO TELL WITH KAMISH! BUT I'M GOING TO SPEED UP OUR TIME TABLE. I'M GOING TO PROGRAM THE CRABS TO ATTACK AND DESTROY SHOBI CITY, KILLING EVERYONE THERE!
BUT THAT'LL GIVE THE GOVERNMENT AN EXCUSE TO SEND IN THE ZODIAC MARINES!

WHO'LL DO OUR JOB FOR US?
FIRST WE ELIMINATE TRANS STELLAR! THEN, IF THE CRABS GO ON A RAMPAGE, THE ZODIAC MARINES WILL BE FORCED TO BLOW AWAY MOST OF THE PLANET! EITHER WAY WE WIN!
BOSS, YOU'RE A GENIUS!

OH, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT!
I SHOULD'VE REALIZED BEFORE THAT THE DEEP SPACE DESPERADOS WERE BEHIND SUCH A FAR OUT SCHEME!
AND YOU SEEM TO HAVE A FLAIR FOR MESSING THEM UP, KAMISH! WE COULD USE A FELLOW LIKE YOU WITH US!
THROW IN WITH US AND WE'LL MAKE YOU GOVERNOR OF THIS ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM WHEN WE SUCCEED!

NO THANKS, SOUNDS LIKE A DULL JOB!
INSTEAD I THINK I'LL CALL IN A FLIGHT OF HOVERCAT BOMBERS, AND THEN SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE FIREWORKS!

LIKE HELL YOU WILL!
SCET, YOU FOOL!
WHA--!

YOU DESTROYED OUR COMPUTER BANKS! THIS WHOLE AREA WILL BLOW UP NOW!
I'D BETTER SCRAM!

WHOOM
THE EXPLOSION'S STARTED A CHAIN REACTION! THE WHOLE PLACE IS BLOWING UP!

WITH THE COMPUTERS WHICH CONTROLLED THEM DESTROYED, THE CRABS GO ON A KILLING RAMPAGE!
BLAM!
RUN! THEY'RE KILLING EVERYONE IN SIGHT!

THERE'S MY TICKET OUT OF HERE! AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH SOMEONE ELSE HAS THE SAME IDEA!
OH NO YOU DON'T SCUM!
UGH!

WHACK!
THIS FLIGHT IS ALL BOOKED UP, CHUMP!

REALIZING THAT ONLY SECONDS REMAIN BEFORE THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN EXPLODES, ZUD QUICKLY BLASTS THE CUTTER OFF ITS PAD...!
CRAP! I FORGOT TO SEE IF THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN IS OPEN...!
KA-WHAM!
THAT WAS CUTTING IT TOO CLOSE! BOY, IS TRANS STELLAR GOING TO PAY FOR THIS ONE!
THE NEXT DAY IN MILO'S HOSPITAL ROOM...!
BEFORE I GOT OUTTA THERE I MANAGED TO GRAB AHOLD OF THE BLUEPRINTS FOR THEIR CRAB CONTROL MACHINE! IT'S GOT SOMETHING TO DO WITH ULTRASONICS OVERPOWERING THE CRAB'S INSTINCTIVE
GREAT! I RISK MY SKIN FOR TRANS STELLAR AND THEY GET THE VERY WEAPON THEY NEED TO GET RID OF THE GYPSY CRABBER!
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I WAS THINKING! Y'KNOW, IT D BE A REAL SHAME IF--!
OOPS! I CAN BE SO CLUMSY SOMETIMES!
Y'KNOW, KAMISH I'M BEGINNIN' TO SEE WHY FOLKS CALL YOU A HERO!
WELL, I TRY!
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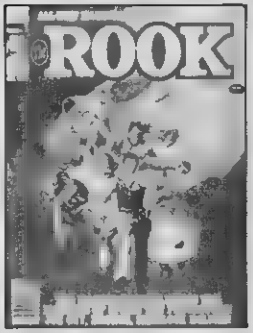


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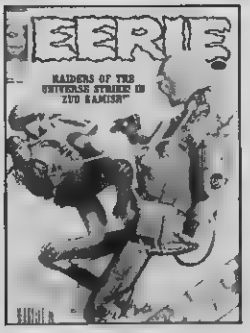


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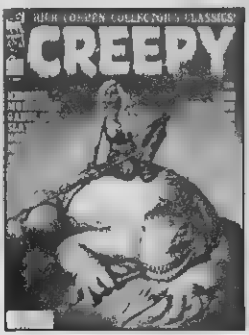


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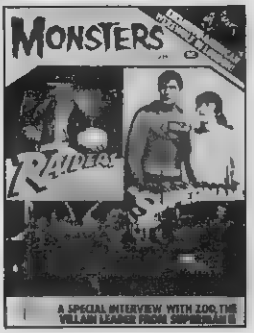


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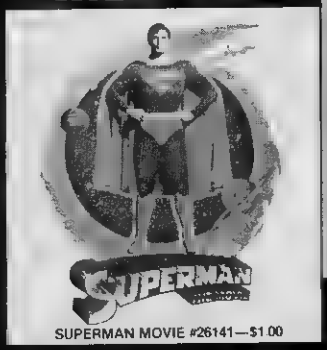


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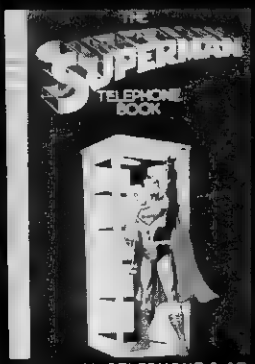


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# PYRAMID OF THE BLACK SUN: BLEKOS

Author: **ALABASTER REDZONE**/Illustrator: **LUIS BERMEJO**

AYE, ORKA! THE VILLAIN YOU SEEK IS HIDING HERE ON ARKARAN. HE CALLS HIMSELF BLEKOS NOW, HIGH PRIEST OF THE BLACK SUN, BUT THERE IS NO MISTAKE ..
. HE IS ULZAN R... THE MAN WHO WRECKED HALF THE GALAXY!
SO MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED ... WE HAD LONG AGO GIVEN UP ULZAN R FOR DEAD! IF THIS INFORMATION PROVES CORRECT, ALUGAR, I WILL SEE THAT YOU ARE RICHLY REWARDED!
SAVE YOUR BOUNTY MONEY, AMBASSADOR! MY ONLY INTEREST IS IN BRINGING AN END TO BLEKOS AND HIS LUNATIC RELIGION, BEFORE HE BRINGS AN END TO ARKARAN!
JUSTICE WILL BE DONE, MY FRIEND BUT, HOW DID YOU UNCOVER ULZAN R AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
NO, NOT ME! IT WAS MY DAUGHTER JANELA, WHO MADE THE DISCOVERY!
SHE IS TELEPATHIC! A GIFT INHERITED FROM HER MOTHER ONE OF THE FABLED DAKIRA RACE. JANELA SIMPLY READ BLEKOS' MIND!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! DURING ONE OF BLEKOS' CEREMONIES I BECAME BORED AND DECIDED TO PASS THE TIME BY LISTENING IN ON THE THOUGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AROUND ME!
BUT, TO MY SURPRISE, ONE POWERFUL MIND DROWNED OUT ALL THE OTHERS. BLEKOS' MIND! HIS DEEPEST SECRETS BOOMED INSIDE MY OWN HEAD!
FOREMOST OF THESE SECRETS, OF COURSE WAS THAT BLEKOS WAS REALLY THE WAR CRIMINAL ULZAN R BUT, THERE WAS MORE...CONCERNING BLEKOS AND LORD GASUL'S UNSPEAKABLE PLANS TO RAISE AN ARMY AND BEGIN THE ALLIANCE WAR ANEW!
JANELA WAS TOO YOUNG TO REMEMBER THE ALLIANCE WAR .. THE DEVASTATION IT CAUSED AND THE VICTIMS IT CLAIMED, INCLUDING HER OWN MOTHER...BUT
"IT BEGAN ALMOST AS A JOKE, WHEN THE ALLIANCE OF LIGHT... THE LEGENDARY COMMUNITY OF SUPER-INTELLECTS NATIVE TO THE PLANET DAKIRA... SUBMITTED A CONSTITUTION TO THE STELLAR REPUBLIC TO REPLACE THE INEFFECTUAL LIST OF LIES PRESENTLY SERVING AS ITS BILL OF RIGHTS."
"THE REPUBLIC'S REACTION WAS OUTRAGE, OF COURSE, AND WHEN THEY THREATENED TO PUNISH THE ALLIANCE FOR ITS ARROGANCE, ULZAN R. AND THE OTHERS DECIDED TO OVERTHROW THE REPUBLIC IN EARNEST SOON WAR ERUPTED ON A COSMIC SCALE, LEAVING NO PLANET BETWEEN HERE AND DAKIRA UNSCATHED."
"OUR OWN PLANET, ARKARAN, WAS SEIZED AND TRANSFORMED INTO A GALACTIC LAUNCHING BASE BY THE ALLIANCE! BY THE TIME THE WAR WAS OVER, THE EXHAUST FROM THOUSANDS OF WAR ROCKETS HAD RAISED THE TEMPERATURE OF OUR WORLD DOZENS OF DEGREES, BURNING OFF OUR WATER, AND CHARGING THE ATMOSPHERE SO INTENSELY WITH RADIATION THAT OUR SUN NOW APPEARS A GHASTLY BLACK FROM THE SURFACE!"

IRONICALLY, MANY OF THE REFORMS THE ALLIANCE FOUGHT SO BITTERLY FOR ARE NOW PART OF THE REPUBLIC'S REVISED CONSTITUTION!
AYE, BUT IT WAS THE WAY THE ALLIANCE SET ABOUT MAKING THOSE REFORMS NOT EVEN THOSE NOBLE IDEALS ARE WORTH ONE HUNDRED BILLION DEAD! AND NOW THEY HAVE JOINED FORCES TO RENEW THE ALLIANCE WAR!
WE HAVE A SMALL RESISTANCE FORCE, DEDICATED TO DRIVING BLEKOS AND LORD GASUL OFF THE PLANET! WE WILL BE GATHERING TOMORROW AT THE CEREMONY OF THE EQUINOX!
SPLENDID! I WILL NEED YOU TO PROBE BLEKOS' MIND ONE MORE TIME. TO TELL ME WHEN HE WILL BE MOST VULNERABLE TO CAPTURE!
AND WITH BLEKOS GONE, AND THE RESISTANCE TO OUST THE VILLAINOUS GASUL, PERHAPS FORTUNES WILL CHANGE AT LAST FOR OUR DYING WORLD!
YOU MUST KNOW, JANELA, THAT NO AMOUNT OF AID... NO SCIENCE I KNOW OF . CAN RESTORE ARKARAN TO THE WAY IT WAS. BUT, PERHAPS WE CAN ALL BENEFIT FROM THE ARREST OF ULZAN R !
NOW, I MUST RETURN TO THE INN BEFORE GASUL'S HENCHMAN DISCOVERS I AM PLOTTING WITH THE RESISTANCE! I WILL SEE YOU TOMORROW AT THE CEREMONY!
UP ALREADY I SEE, AMBASSADOR! GOOD! SHALL WE GO ON TO MEET WITH BLEKOS THEN?
THAT IS WHAT I AM HERE FOR, ESKIRRA!
A SIMPLE GREETING SHOULD COMPLETE YOUR BUSINESS WITH BLEKOS, AMBASSADOR! I SHOULDN'T TRY TO DISCUSS ANY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH HIM!
AFTER ALL, IT IS MY MASTER, LORD GASUL, WHO WILL BE BUYING YOUR WATER FROM YOU. GASUL IS THE TRUE POWER ON ARKARAN!
AS FOR BLEKOS, THOUGH HIS FOLLOWERS ARE MANY, HE IS STILL JUST A FOOLISH PRIEST!

AND WILL *THIS* BE THE ULTIMATE *DESTINATION* OF THE WATER I SHIP IN? THE *BLACK MARKET?*

YOU SOUND *REPULSED,* AMBASSADOR! MAY I REMIND YOU THAT THIS WATER DEAL WAS *YOUR* IDEA TO BEGIN WITH AND THAT YOU WILL BE *SHARING* OUR *PROFITS?*

BUT TO *CONTROL* AN ENTIRE PLANET'S *WATER SUPPLY!* THE PROFITS MUST BE *ENORMOUS!* WHAT DOES GASUL *DO* WITH ALL THAT *MONEY?*

HE HAS *PLANS... BIG PLANS...* PLANS FOR THE *FUTURE.* BUT DO NOT LET THAT *CONCERN* YOU RIGHT NOW I SEE IT IS NEARLY TIME FOR THE *EQUINOX CEREMONY* TO BEGIN!

*EQUINOX CEREMONY?*

AYE! IT IS THE SEMI-ANNUAL *RITE* THAT *PROTECTS* US FROM THE BLOODTHIRSTY *SERPENTS* YOU SAW IN THE *DESERT* YESTERDAY!

ACTUALLY, IT IS *HIGH FREQUENCY SOUND WAVES* EMITTING FROM THE CRYSTALLINE *PYRAMID* OVER-LOOKING OUR CITY THAT KEEPS THEM *AWAY!*

BUT THE *PEOPLE* DON'T *KNOW* THAT! THEY THINK BLEKOS *TALKS* TO THE *GOD* OF THE *BLACK SUN* FOR THEM, AND THEY WILL PAY *ANYTHING* TO STAY IN THEIR GOD'S *GOOD GRACES!*

ALL THE *MORE* MONEY FOR LORD GASUL

IT IS *HE! ULZAN R.!* IT CAN BE *NO OTHER!*

AND HE IS *SURROUNDED* BY *GUARDS.* I MUST FIND *JANELA* AND *ALUGAR...* TO SEE WHAT THEY CAN *LEARN!*

HMMM...THAT REBEL GIRL...SHE'S NODDING TO ORKA! GASUL WILL NOT LIKE THIS!
THOUGH I AM A TELEPATH AS WELL, ULZAN R WOULD BE SURE TO SENSE MY HOSTILE PSYCHIC WAVES. BUT PERHAPS JANELA'S GENTLER MIND CAN AGAIN MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM!
O GOD OF THE BLACK SUN... YOUR LOYAL DISCIPLES HAVE GATHERED HERE TO PAY YOU TRIBUTE!
TO THEE, GREAT DARK ONE, WE SING THE PRAISES OF THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX! TO THEE, WE GIVE THANKS FOR SEEING US THROUGH ANOTHER DRY SEASON!
PRAISE BE TO THEE, DARK ONE, FOR THE WATER YOU PROVIDE FROM THE SECRET PLACES! PRAISE BE TO THEE, FOR PROTECTING US FROM THE TERRIBLE SERPENTS OF THE SAND!
BEHOLD OUR GIFTS TO YOU OUR MONEY AND OUR JEWELS! WE GIVE THEM TO YOU GRATEFULLY, AND ASK WHAT MORE WE CAN OFFER THEE?
AYE! AYE! I HEAR YOU, O DARK ONE! TIME HAS COME TO RAISE A MIGHTY ARMY TO SPREAD YOUR WORD THROUGHOUT THE COSMOS! AN ARMY . LED BY LORD GASUL... COMPRISED OF THE BRAVE MEN OF ARKAR–!
BUT, WAIT! ANOTHER MIND SEEKS TO INTERFERE WITH MY COMMUNION WITH THE DARK ONE! THE MIND OF A GIRL!
DISCIPLES! WE HAVE BEEN PENETRATED!

IT IS THAT REBEL GIRL WHO INTERFERES! I WILL PUT A STOP TO THIS!
SEARCH AMONG YOURSELVES! FIND THE SHE-DEVIL WHO DARES TO MOCK OUR CEREMONY!
THE PAIN! BLEKOS LASHES OUT INSIDE MY BRAIN! I CAN'T...FIGHT BACK...!
OH MY MIND! HE IS TEARING IT PIECES!
HELP ME SOMEONE HELP ME!
BLEKOS IS TORTURING JANELA! AND THAT ROGUE ESKIRRA MEANS TO DISPOSE OF HER FOR GOOD!
I'VE GOT TO STOP THIS FAST!
ORKA KNOWS HE CANNOT REACH ESKIRRA IN TIME TO SAVE JANELA, SO HE TURNS HIS ATTENTION INSTEAD TO A MAN IN THE CROWD ONE OF THE DARK ONE'S DISCIPLES!
A-AHHGH! NOW THE EVIL ONE IS INSIDE MY HEAD! HELP ME, BLEKOS!
YOU WILL THINK OF HEAT!...OVERWHELMING HEAT! YOU HAVE A THIRST WHICH CANNOT BE QUENCHED! YOU WILL THINK OF WATER!

W-WATER...!
HE REACHES THE CEREMONIAL ALTAR, AND STUMBLES UP ITS STEPS...
SO THIRSTY...! MUST HAVE WATER!
AND COLLAPSES THERE, UPSETTING THE HOLY RELICS!
GAAHHH!
FOOL! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
LOOK! THE CEREMONY HAS BEEN PROFANED!
IT IS THE SERPENT GOD! HE SEEKS REVENGE AGAINST US!
BLEKOS WATCHES IN MUTE FURY AS HE SEES THE CEREMONY FALL INTO CHAOS. EVEN HIS GUARD FORCE CANNOT CONTROL THE FRIGHTENED THRONG, WHICH IS PRECISELY WHAT ORKA HAD HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH!
IDIOTS! LET ME THROUGH! I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE GIRL...!

ALUGAR! IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
SHE HAS FAINTED, BUT IS UNINJURED! WHAT IS HAPPENING, ORKA?
I TURNED BLEKOS' RABBLE-ROUSING METHODS AGAINST HIM! IT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED!
THE CROWD GROWS DANGEROUS! WE MUST GET JANELA TO SAFETY!
POOR CHILD! I PUT HER INTO THIS DANGER! A FEW MOMENTS MORE AND–!
SHE'S A SOLDIER OF THE RESISTANCE, ORKA! RISK IS INHERENT IN THE JOB! HELP ME TO GET HER HOME!
NOW ORKA IS HELPING THE REBELS TO ESCAPE! I WAS RIGHT! HE IS A TRAITOR!
THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF KEPARA, THE PANIC MOUNTS. CRIES AND PRAYERS FLY FROM DESPERATE MOUTHS, AS THE POPULATION FLEES FROM VARIOUS UNSEEN DEMONS! ORKA AND ALUGAR WASTE NO TIME DELIVERING THE UNCONSCIOUS JANELA FROM THE CITY!
LOCK YOURSELVES IN YOUR HOMES! THE SERPENT GOD'S WRATH IS UPON US!
BLEKOS CANNOT HOLD BACK THE SERPENTS ANY LONGER! WE ARE ALL DOOMED!
SAVE US, O DARK ONE! DO NOT LET US FALL PREY TO THE MONSTERS OF THE SAND!

DAUGHTER! WHAT IS IT? WHAT IS HAPPENING TO YOU?
DO NOT FEAR, ALUGAR. YOUR DAUGHTER'S EYES ARE WIDE IN TRANCE!
FATHER . I'M BEGINNING TO SEE MANY THINGS CLEARLY NOW
YOU DID NOT TELL US, ORKA. THAT YOU ARE ALSO A TELEPATH! YOU, TOO, BELONG TO THE DAKIRA RACE AS BLEKOS DOES AS I DO!
BEING DAKIRAN HAS BEEN A THING OF WOEFUL SHAME TO ME SINCE THE ALLIANCE WAR. ULZAN R. IS A TRAITOR TO OUR RACE.. AND I WILL STOP HIM BEFORE HE CAN BRING ANY FURTHER RUIN TO ARKARAN!
THIS I SWEAR, JANELA!
NO! NOT ULZAN R ! IT IS LORD GASUL WHO WILL SOON DESTROY OUR WORLD! ULZAN R, IS MERELY HIS PAWN . DRUGGED BY GASUL FOR YEARS .. AND FORCED TO USE HIS GREAT INTELLECT TO FURTHER GASUL'S MAD PLAN OF CONQUEST!
AND I SAW MORE WHEN MY MIND INTERMIXED WITH BLEKOS! THE CRYSTALLINE PYRAMID THAT BLEKOS BUILT TO FEND OFF THE SERPENTS . IT IS ALSO A TERRIBLE WEAPON! ONE WHICH GASUL PLANS TO USE WHEN HE RESUMES THE ALLIANCE WAR! ORKA, WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
THIS MATTER WILL BE RESOLVED ONCE AND FOREVER. BUT I MUST DO IT ALONE.
THERE! THAT IS THE ONE HE BROUGHT THE SERPENT GOD'S WRATH DOWN ON US!
ESKIRRA!
GET HIM! KILL THAT TRAITOROUS SERVANT OF EVIL!

AT ONCE, THE WILD-EYED MOB ***ATTACKS*** THE ***AMBASSADOR,*** OVERWHELMING HIM, POUNDING HIM ***MERCILESSLY*** TO THE ***GROUND!***

***HOURS LATER, ORKA REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS!*** HE LOOKS UP TO SEE ***ESKIRRA'S*** UGLY ***FACE*** SCOWLING DOWN AT HIM!

HE WAS AN *IDIOT!* BUT YOU, ORKA. .YOU'RE A *CLEVER* MAN! AS AN *EQUAL PARTNER,* YOU COULD HELP ME *REALIZE* MY *DREAMS* OF *ULTIMATE CONQUEST!*

YOU'RE *DREAMING,* GASUL! EVEN THE *SHIPS* AT MY *DISPOSAL* FALL FAR *SHORT* OF THE WEAPONRY *NEEDED* FOR A *COSMIC WAR!*

BUT I HAVE *ULZAN R.* UNDER MY *CONTROL!* AND HE HAS CREATED AN *ULTIMATE WEAPON.* WHICH *ABOARD* YOUR SHIPS COULD *CONQUER* THE *GALAXY!*

BUT LET ME *SHOW* YOU, ORKA!

GASUL *UNSHACKLES* ORKA AND THEY *BOARD* GASUL'S PRIVATE *GRAVMARAN!*

WE GO TO THE *CRYSTAL IDOL* IN THE *CITY.* INSIDE THAT *PYRAMID* ARE *WEAPONS* THAT CAN DESTROY *ANY* ENEMY WEAPONS CREATED FOR ME BY THE BRILLIANT *ULZAN R !*

SOON, ORKA, WE WILL *FINISH* THE *GLORIOUS* WAR THE *ALLIANCE* OF *LIGHT* BEGAN *TWO DECADES* AGO!

THEY SAIL *SWIFTLY* ACROSS THE *DUNES* TOWARD *KEPARA.* BUT AS THE *PYRAMID* OF THE *BLACK SUN* COMES INTO *VIEW,* ORKA *STEALTHILY* DRAWS HIS CONCEALED *LASER PISTOL* FROM HIS *BOOT!*

A *LASER!* I THOUGHT WE HAD A *PARTNERSHIP!*

THAT WAS YOUR *ASSUMPTION,* GASUL! THIS IS THE *REALITY!*

IT IS *IRONIC* THAT THE *MONSTER* I CAME HERE TO *ARREST* IS FAR LESS *DANGEROUS* THAN *YOU! ULZAN R* , AT LEAST, WAS A DEDICATED *HUMANITARIAN,* WHOSE ONLY *REAL* CRIME WAS HIS *ZEALOUSNESS...*

BUT YOU *GASUL,* ARE JUST A *PARASITE...SUCKING* THE LIFEBLOOD OF YOUR *OWN PEOPLE* TO *FINANCE* YOUR FANCIFUL DREAMS OF *GODHOOD!* SANITY *DEMANDS* I STOP YOU NOW, BEFORE YOU BECOME *TRULY DANGEROUS!*

AGGH!

BZAP!

LATER, IN KEPARA, ORKA STANDS CAUTIOUS *WATCH* AS AN *ANTIDOTE* TO GASUL'S *MIND DRUG* BEGINS TO BRING ULZAN R. *AROUND...!*

I FEEL LIKE A MAN WAKING FROM A *LONG NIGHTMARE.* LAYERS OF FOG ARE *LIFTING* FROM MY *BRAIN...!*

I *SENSE* YOUR FEARS *ORKA.* BUT THE *LASER* UNDER YOUR CLOAK IS *UN-NECESSARY.* I WILL NOT *TRY* TO *ES-CAPE* AGAIN!

BUT BEFORE WE GO, I BEG YOU TO LET ME FINISH THE TASK I BEGAN WHEN I FIRST CAME TO ARKARAN AND THEN I PROMISE TO GO WITH YOU WILLINGLY!
HAVE A CARE, ULZAN R ! I AM WATCHING YOU!
SEARCH MY THOUGHTS, ORKA YOU WILL SEE I MEAN NO HARM!
WHEN I FIRST CAME TO ARKARAN, I BUILT THE CRYSTAL PYRAMID.
IT HAS MANY FUNCTIONS...ALL AIMED AT REPAIRING THE DAMAGE THE WAR HAD BROUGHT TO THIS PLANET! BUT TS MAIN FUNCTION. ITS MOST IMPORTANT PURPOSE. HAS TO THIS DAY NEVER BEEN USED!
ORKA HE MEANS TO ACTIVATE THE WEAPON IN THE PYRAMID! STOP HIM!
NO, JANELA I THINK I W LL SEE THIS THROUGH.
YOU SEE, THE PYRAMID WOULD HAVE DESTROYED GASUL'S DREAMS OF CONQUEST! HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL THIS PLANET'S WATER SUPPLY, AND REAP RICHES FROM DESPERATE PEOPLE.
WHEN GASUL'S SPIES DISCOVERED MY REAL IDENTITY AND HOW I PLANNED TO HELP THE PLANET, HE HAD ME DRUGGED AND FORCED ME TO ALTER THE CRYSTAL INTO A WEAPON OF GHASTLY DESTRUCTION!
BEHOLD, AT LAST THE TRUE POWER OF THE PYRAMID! THE POWER OF LIFE!
AS ULZAN R ENTERS THE LONG-AWAITED COMMAND NUMBERS INTO THE COMPUTER, A MYSTERIOUS PROBE RISES FROM THE TOP OF THE PYRAMID!
THEN !
WOMM

THE WHOLE CAPITAL *STANDS* IN BREATHLESS *AWE* AS IT *WATCHES* THE *SUPERCHARGED ION* BEAM *NEUTRALIZE* THE RADIATION FIELD ENCIRCLING THE *PLANET!*

*INSTANTLY,* THE OMINOUS BLACK SUN ILLUSION *FADES* FROM THE SKY, AND IS REPLACED BY *STORM CLOUDS,* WHICH *GATHER* ABOVE *ARKARAN* FOR THE *FIRST TIME* SINCE THE *END* OF THE *ALLIANCE WAR.*

THE BLACK SUN HAS *VANISHED!* OUR SUN IS *GOLD* AGAIN, AND THE SKIES ARE SURRENDERING THEIR *WATER!*

AFTER ALL THESE *YEARS,* THE DARK ONE HAS BEEN *APPEASED!* WE ARE *SAVED!*

*THANK THE GODS!*

*NO, THANK BLEKOS!* LONG HAS HE PROMISED *SALVATION* FOR ARKARAN! TODAY HE *REWARDS* US FOR OUR *TRUST!*

ORKA! I HAVE *NEVER* SEEN *WATER* IN SUCH *ABUNDANCE!* WHAT *IS* IT?

IT IS CALLED *RAIN,* JANELA. IT TOOK A *MADMAN* TO *DESTROY* YOUR *PLANET,* BUT IT IS A *SAINT* WHO NOW *RESTORES* IT

*ULZAN R.* HAS *EARNED* HIS RULE ON ARKARAN. HE WILL BE A GOOD LEADER TO YOUR PEOPLE! *NAY,* A *GREAT* LEADER! *I* WILL *SEE* TO IT!

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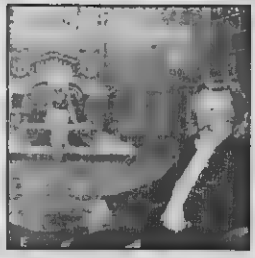

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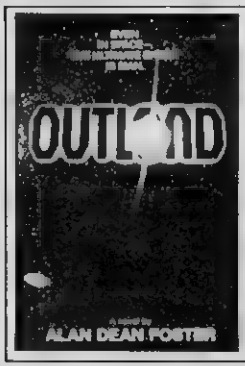


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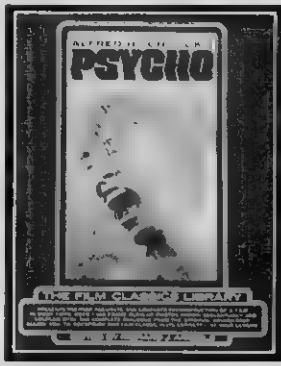


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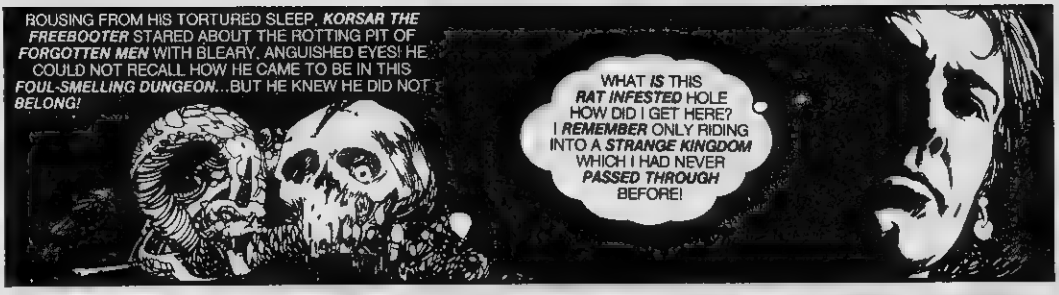
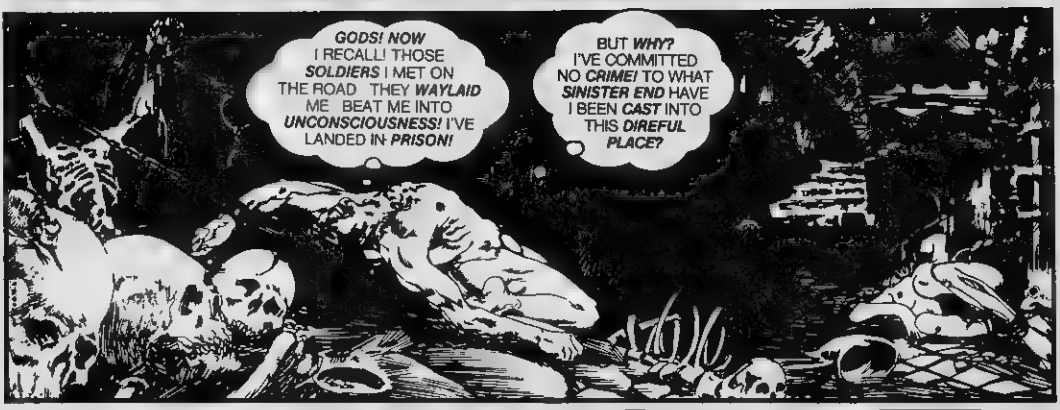
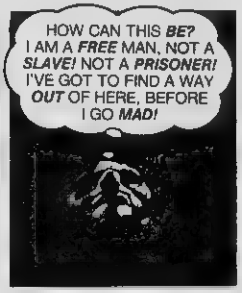



# KORSAR



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YOUR LAST PLEASURE, SLAVE!
OHHH!

HMMPH! WELL, AT LEAST YOU HAVE A HUMAN SHAPE! THE BEASTS I USUALLY SERVICE IN THIS PLACE OF HORRORS TEND TO HAVE TALONS AND SCALES!
YOU SEEM ALMOST HANDSOME! WHAT IS YOUR NAME, SLAVE?
I AM KORSAR OF KARTAN! AND I AM A FREEBOOTER... NOT A SLAVE!

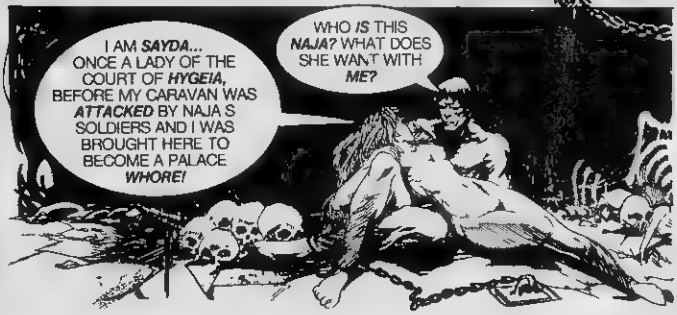
THERE ARE ONLY SLAVES IN THE KINGDOM OF QUEEN NAJA, KORSAR! AND IT IS HER COMMAND THAT I SERVICE THE SLAVES BEFORE THEY ENTER THE ARENA!
WILL YOU SPEND YOUR LAST HOURS IN MISERY, SLAVE OR ?

AH! YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE "OR!"

KORSAR DECIDES TO PLAY OUT THE GAME TO THE END! THOUGH HE GOES THROUGH THE MOTIONS OF LOVE-MAKING, HIS CARESSES ARE DEVOID OF ANY FEELING!

YET, SOME TIME DURING THEIR SWEATY EMBRACE... SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE RATTLING OF THE CHAINS...SOMEWHERE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS TO KORSAR!

HE FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE SLAVE GIRL!
HHAAAAAAA


I AM SAYDA... ONCE A LADY OF THE COURT OF HYGEIA, BEFORE MY CARAVAN WAS ATTACKED BY NAJA S SOLDIERS AND I WAS BROUGHT HERE TO BECOME A PALACE WHORE!
WHO IS THIS NAJA? WHAT DOES SHE WANT WITH ME?

SHE IS THE ***SORCERESS QUEEN*** OF THIS WICKED KINGDOM! HER EVIL ***MAGIC*** IS SPREAD ***THROUGHOUT*** THE SURROUNDING LANDS!

THEY SAY SHE MADE ***LOVE*** WITH ***HADES HIMSELF*** ONCE, AND WAS LEFT ***MAD*** BY THE EXPERIENCE!

AS FOR YOUR ***PURPOSE*** HERE, KORSAR SHE MEANS TO WATCH YOU ***DIE*** IN HER ARENA AND TAKE HER ***PERVERSE PLEASURES*** UPON YOUR ***DYING BODY!***

***SAYDA.*** ! WE CANNOT ALLOW THESE ***GHOULISH FIENDS*** TO TREAT US LIKE ***ANIMALS!*** WE MUST ***ESCAPE*** FROM HERE!

YOU KNOW THE ***PALACE CORRIDORS!*** YOU MUST ***ALSO*** KNOW A WAY ***OUT*** OF HERE! ***COME*** WITH ME, SAYDA, AND WE'LL ***FLEE*** THIS MADHOUSE ***TOGETHER!***

HO, MY HANDSOME FOOL! HOW MANY ***OTHER*** BRAVE WARRIORS PROMISED ME THAT. ONLY TO ***LOSE*** THEIR ***COURAGE*** WHEN THEY WERE ***SEDUCED*** BY NAJA'S ***BEAUTY!***

DO NOT CLING TO USELESS ***HOPE,*** KORSAR! SAVE YOUR ENERGIES FOR THE ***ARENA!*** IF YOU PUT ON A ***GOOD SHOW,*** NAJA MAY EVEN LET YOU ***JOIN*** HER RANKS OF ***CONSORTS!***

ABRUPTLY, NAJA'S ***SOLDIERS*** STORM INTO THE CAVE TO ***DRAG OFF*** THE CAPTIVE WARRIOR!

WE LEAVE ***TONIGHT,*** SAYDA! WHEN I'VE FINISHED IN THE ***ARENA!***

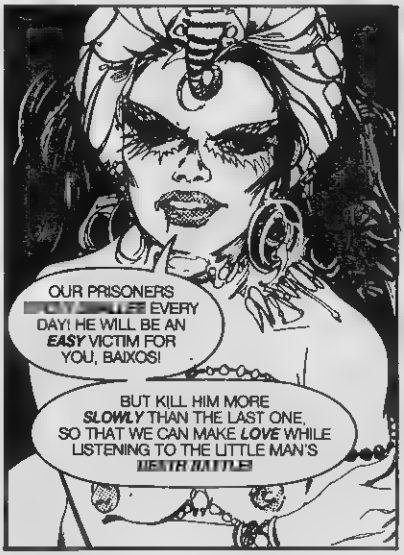
***BE THERE!***

***GOD!*** IT SEEMS TO BE A ***PRIVATE ARENA!*** NO ***GUARDS*** ONLY THAT ***GIANT*** TO PROTECT THE QUEEN! CAN HE BE THAT ***GOOD?***

AND THERE ON THE ***THRONE*** ..SITS THE QUEEN ***HERSELF! NAJA!***

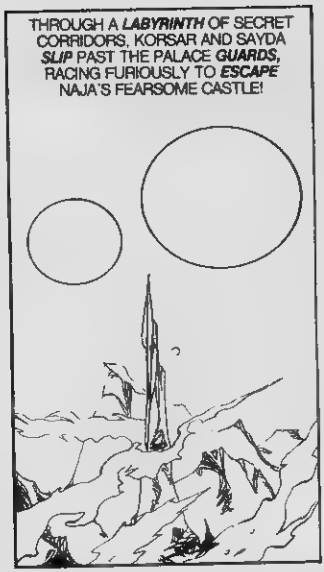
LIKE AN *EVIL SPIRIT*, THE LASCIVIOUS *NAJA* WITNESSES THE *MACABRE GAMES*, SURROUNDED BY HER *GUARDS*, HER *CONSORTS*, AND THE BLOODY *REMAINS* OF HER *FORMER* CONSORTS...!

ON A SIGNAL FROM THE QUEEN, A *GIANT GLADIATOR* ENTERS THE CIRCUS, EYEING KORSAR *COLDLY!*



DON'T *WEAVE* SO, LITTLE MOUSE! YOU *DELAY* MY QUEEN'S *PLEASURE!*
I'LL DO MORE..
. THAN *DELAY* HER PLEASURE!
I'LL PUT A *CEASE* TO IT!
*OVERCONFIDENCE* DRIVES BAIXOS TOWARD HIS *DEATH* IN THE SHAPE OF KORSAR'S *SWORD!* THE ASTOUNDED GIANT'S *SCREAM* GRADUALLY *FADES* TO A *GASPING MOAN!*
AARRRGGGGG
THEN KORSAR HEARS *ANOTHER* MOAN, COMING FROM *NAJA'S* DIRECTION! IT IS A MOAN OF *LUST,* MEANT FOR THE VICTORIOUS KARTAN!
HOW *DELICIOUS!* YOU'VE *KILLED* THE BRUTE!
NOW, *COME* TO ME, MY MURDERING PRINCE! WE MUST MAKE *LOVE* BEFORE BAIXOS' *DEATH GROANS* DIE AWAY!

I LIKE STRONG WINNERS! COME HERE, KORSAR! THE SMELL OF YOUR SWEAT AND BLOOD DRIVES ME WILD!
COME!
I COMMAND YOU!
THUNK!!
FOUL WITCH! YOU WANT SWEAT AND BLOOD?! HERE, THEN!
YOU THOUGHT TO ENSLAVE MANKIND WITH YOUR GREAT BEAUTY, NAJA! BUT WHILE YOU MAY HAVE SEDUCED ALL THE OTHERS, YOU HAVE NEVER DEALT WITH A KARTAN!
AND KARTANS FROM BIRTH, ARE TAUGHT THAT THERE IS ONE THING EVEN MORE VALUABLE THAN SEX... OR FAMILY...OR EVEN LIFE ITSELF!
AND THAT IS FREEDOM!
SHE'S NOT DEAD YET, KORSAR! SHE'S A SORCERESS! ONLY STRONGER MAGIC CAN DESTROY HER!
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE SHE REVIVES!
SAYDA! YOU CAME AFTER ALL!



*BURSTING FORTH* FROM THE EXPLODING *ROCK* AND *EARTH* BEHIND THEM, THE FUGITIVES BEHOLD A *FIRE-SPITTING DRAGON,* FASHIONED BY *DARK MAGIC* TO PREVENT THEIR *ESCAPE!*

*NAJA'S SORCERY!* THE *WITCH-QUEEN* HAS *FOUND* US!

KORSAR! IT'S RIGHT ON TOP OF US!
SPLIT OFF, SAYDA! I'LL KEEP IT CHASING ME!
UNGHN!
KORSAR'S STRATEGY BACKFIRES, HOWEVER, AS THE GREAT BEAST SPINS SUDDENLY ABOUT, PURSUING THE SLAVE GIRL INSTEAD! KORSAR IS STRUCK BY THE MONSTER'S LASHING TAIL AS IT TURNS!
FURIOUS NOW, KORSAR TAKES DESPERATE MEASURES! THE DRAGON IS NEARLY UPON THE PANTING GIRL WHEN, SUDDENLY, KORSAR MAKES A LEAP FROM THE ROCKS ABOVE!
UNK
DIE, HELLSPAWN!
WRACKED WITH PAIN AND TIRED FROM RUNNING, KORSAR AND SAYDA COLLAPSE IN TOTAL EXHAUSTION!
HELP... KORSAR...!
CAN'T RUN...*GASP* ANYMORE...!

KORSAR'S *FIGHT* WITH THE MONSTER HAD BEEN FOLLOWED WITH *KEEN INTEREST* BY MEN OF THE *NIWROG TRIBE!* THEY APPROACH THE FUGITIVES AS THEY *SLEEP!*

*ULTAN* SAY *TAKE THESE TWO!* THEY WILL BE *FOOD* FOR THE *TRIBE!*

SHORTLY, THEIR VICTIMS ARE *DRAGGED* ALONG *UNKNOWN PATHS*...KNOWN ONLY TO *ULTAN* AND HIS *TRIBESMEN!*

BY NIGHTFALL, THE HUNTERS *RETURN HOME* TO THE DELIGHTED *SQUEALS* OF THEIR *MATES* AND *FAMILIES!* FOR THE MEN HAVE BROUGHT BACK A *PAIR* OF ANIMALS TO EAT AND THE TRIBE CAN FORGET THE GHOST OF *FAMINE* FOR A FEW DAYS MORE!

WHILE THE REST OF THE TRIBE'S PRIMITIVE FEAST IS BEING PREPARED THE UNCONSCIOUS KORSAR AND SAYDA HAVE BEEN LEFT OVER A COVERED PIT OF BURNING COALS FOR BROWNING!
THE DRUM-BEAT AWAKENS ECHOES OF TRIBAL ORGIES AS THE WOMEN BEGIN A FERTILITY DANCE!
AROUSED BY THIS, THE LEADER OF THE TRIBE REMEMBERS HIS FEMALE PRISONER, WHOSE ALIEN BEAUTY FASCINATES HIM!
ULTAN SAY THE WOMAN WITH THE FIRE-RED HAIR WILL KNOW HIS STRENGTH BEFORE THE TRIBE FINISHES HER OFF!
AS SAYDA BEGINS TO COME TO...!
DAMN IT, THIS BARBARIAN IS CARRYING ME INTO HIS CAVE!
I KNOW WHAT HE'S GOT ON HIS MIND!

ULTAN SAY... LOVE GIRL FIRST, THEN THROW INTO FIRE FOR TRIBE!

ONLY ONE CHANCE TO ESCAPE...! MUST LEAVE THIS BRUTE SO UTTERLY EXHAUSTED, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO RAISE A FINGER .!
GGRAAOWW

FEW HUMAN ASPECTS ARE UNKNOWN TO SAYDA, THE GIRL WHO SERVED AS THE LAST PLEASURE TO MANY CONDEMNED PRISONERS...BUT THIS RANCOROUS SAVAGE IS EVEN WORSE THAN SHE'D IMAGINED!

MEANWHILE, THE NWROG WOMEN HAVE DISCOVERED KORSAR!

GODS! I'M IN A VILLAGE OF SAVAGE WOMEN! WHAT S GOING ON? WHY DO THEY TOUCH ME THAT WAY?
THE MEN ARE GONE!
TAKE HIM!
HURRY!

BACK, YOU WOMEN! I WARN YOU! I AM KORSAR THE KORTAN ...! SLAYER OF THE TERRIBLE THON! VANQUISHER OF MOGAR THE INVINCIBLE! DESTROYER OF THE AWFUL
HALP!

ULTAN, MEANTIME, HAS FOUND OUT THAT SAYDA'S *FIRE* LIES NOT *ONLY* IN THE *COLOR* OF HER *HAIR!*

*SO*, MY FRIEND, I DON'T BELIEVE *YOU'LL* BE PUTTING UP MUCH OF A FIGHT *NOW...!*

KORSAR IS *CALLING* ME! HE'S IN *TROUBLE!* WELL, I KNOW *ONE* WAY TO *SCARE* THESE BARBARIANS *OFF...!*

*ULTAN* SAY *AHHHH!*

*BEHOLD*, YOU SAVAGES! SEE WHAT THE *EVIL SPIRITS* WHO COMMAND HAVE DONE TO YOUR *MIGHTY* LEADER!

LET THIS MAN *GO NOW*, OR I WILL BRING *BACK* THE EVIL SPIRITS TO *DESTROY* YOUR *WHOLE TRIBE!*

*SAYDA!* THANKS, GIRL, BUT I'M *HANDLING THINGS* JUST *FINE* NOW!

*COME ON*, KORSAR! YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP IN THE *STEWPOT*, DO YOU? THE *NWROGS* ARE MMMMMM!

*CANNIBALS! GODS!* GET OUT OF MY *WAY*, GIRL!

NOW THEY *RUN* AGAIN! TWO *DESPERATE LOVERS*, RUNNING FROM *HELL!*

THEY ARE *FREE* AGAIN, BUT MANY *DANGERS* STILL LAY *AHEAD* FOR THEM IN THIS STRANGE LAND OF *MAGIC* AND *MONSTERS!* AND *NAJA*, THE *SORCERESS QUEEN*, WHO *RULES* THIS LAND, HAS ONLY *BEGUN* TO CHART HER *MONSTROUS REVENGE!*

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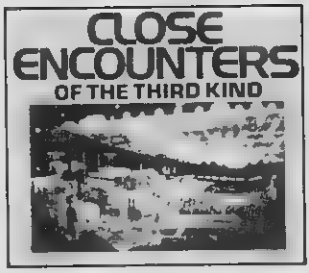


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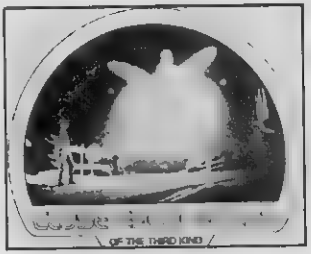


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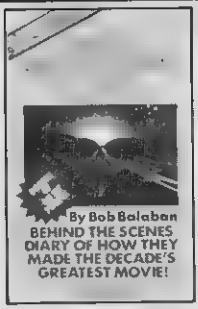


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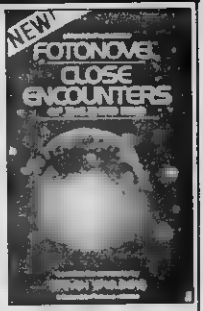


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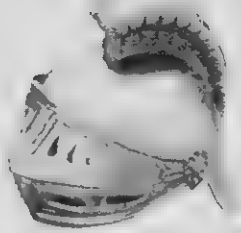

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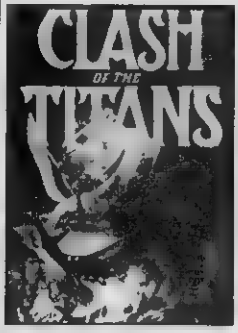


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YOU! THE NEW HIGH PRIEST! WHAT THE DEVIL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
QUIET, YOU FOOL. OR THAT ASSASSIN OUTSIDE WILL HEAR YOU! I HAVE TO SPEAK WITH YOU, CONCERNING A MATTER OF SOME URGENCY!

QUICKLY, BORIN AGAIN SLIPPED OUTSIDE, TO MAKE HIS EXPLANATIONS TO HAGGARTH!
I TAKE IT YOUR EXCITABLE FRIEND IN THERE DOESN'T LIKE ME!
YOU HEARD, THEN? I'M SORRY, HAGGARTH . HE WISHES TO SPEAK WITH ME ALONE! WAIT OUT HERE! PLEASE!
I'M BEGINNING TO TIRE OF THESE LITTLE INTRIGUES! BUT HAVE NO FEAR I WON'T DISTURB YOUR SECRETIVE CONFERENCE!

THAT VOICE ! IT SOUNDS SO FAMILIAR! I WONDER .?

YOU MUST BE MAD! DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SOMEONE WERE TO SEE YOU HERE?
I DIDN'T DARE SEND YOU A MESSAGE! THINGS . THINGS HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF HAND!
THERE IS A PARCHMENT, OF WHICH YOU HAVE NO DOUBT HEARD RUMORS! THE HIGH PRIEST BEFORE ME DECIPHERED THE WRITINGS OF THE GOD KHOST! HE COMMITTED THEM TO PARCHMENT AND HID IT WHERE KING THALL WOULD NEVER FIND IT!

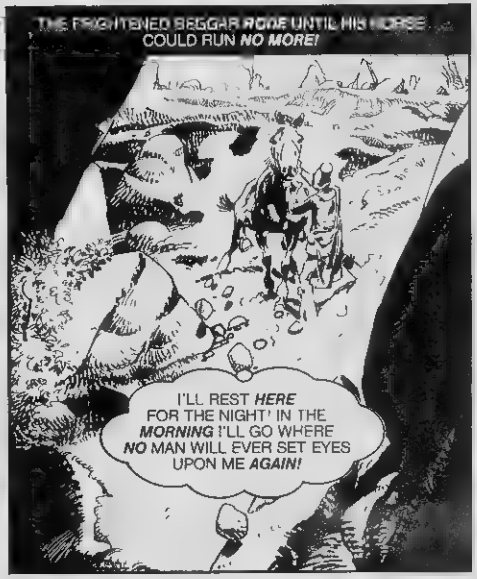
YET SOMEONE DID FIND IT! TWO THIEVES! ONE OF WHOM IS THE FRIEND OF YOUR WARRIOR-ALLY OUTSIDE!
LISTEN TO ME WELL, BORIN I NEED THAT MANUSCRIPT. I DON'T CARE HOW YOU DO IT . BUT YOU MUST CATCH THAT LIZARD THIEF! OTHERWISE, YOU LL NOT RECEIVE A SINGLE ONE OF THE PRECIOUS WEAPONS I'VE PROMISED YOU!

WITHIN THE *ROYAL CITY*, THE *LIZARD-THIEF* IN QUESTION *SLUNK* FEARFULLY THROUGH THE LESSER-TRAVELLED BYWAYS!
MAY THE GODS *PROTECT* ME! *PUKIN!* THEY. .THEY'VE CAPTURED, AND . AND *KILLED* HIM!
BUT HOW COULD *THEY* HAVE *KNOWN* IT WAS *HIM* WHO RAIDED THE KING'S *TREASURE ROOM!*

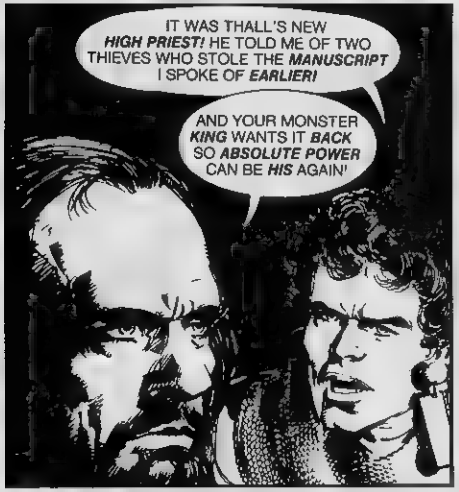
THAT *MERCHANT* WE SOLD THE *GOODS* TO ! HE MUST HAVE *REPORTED* US TO THALL'S SOLDIERS! THEN, THEY THEY'LL BE LOOKING FOR *ME* AS *WELL!*

I . I'VE GOT TO GET *AWAY* FROM HERE! IF THEY FIND ME THEY'LL HANG *ME* AS FOOD FOR THE VULTURES *ALONGSIDE PUKIN!*

THEY THEY'LL *NEVER* FOLLOW IN THE *DESERT!* A MAN CAN HIDE THERE FOR *YEARS* WITHOUT *EVER* BEING *DISCOVERED!*


THE FRIGHTENED BEGGAR *RODE* UNTIL HIS HORSE COULD RUN *NO MORE!*
I'LL REST *HERE* FOR THE NIGHT! IN THE *MORNING* I'LL GO WHERE *NO* MAN WILL EVER SET EYES UPON ME *AGAIN!*

AS ETHAN, THE THIEF, PREPARED TO REST FOR THE NIGHT, THE HIGH HOLYMAN FLED FROM BORIN'S HUT...INTO THE DARKNESS!
THE'S GONE, HAGGARTH! YOU CAN COME IN NOW!


IT WAS THALL'S NEW HIGH PRIEST! HE TOLD ME OF TWO THIEVES WHO STOLE THE MANUSCRIPT I SPOKE OF EARLIER!
AND YOUR MONSTER KING WANTS IT BACK SO ABSOLUTE POWER CAN BE HIS AGAIN!

TRUE! ONE OF THE THIEVES WAS THE MAN WHO WAS WITH YOU WHEN LAST WE MET ..YOUR FRIEND ETHAN!

! I NEED YOU TO HELP ME FIND HIM, HAGGARTH! IF WE CAN POSSESS THAT MANUSCRIPT, THEN THE POWER OF THE GOD-KING KHOST WILL BE OURS! WE WILL HAVE THAT TYRANT, THALL, AT OUR MERCY!
POWER IS CORRUPTION! I HAVE NO INTEREST IN EITHER!

BUT SINCE LITTLE ETHAN HAS GOTTEN HIMSELF INTO SUCH TROUBLE...IT'S BETTER THAT I FIND HIM BEFORE THALL'S ASSASSINS DO!

WHAT *MISERABLE LUCK* I HAVE! HERE I *AM* AGAIN *BACK* IN THESE WRETCHED HILLS *HIDING!* AND ALL BECAUSE I *LISTENED* TO SOME THIEF'S LIES OF *EASY RICHES!*

I'M *HUNGRY, TIRED,* AND *FLEEING* LIKE A *SCARED RAT* HOPING BEYOND *ALL* HOPE THAT I CAN *AVOID* RUNNING INTO THALL'S MEN! I--! *W-WHAA--?*

I IN THE NAME OF *KHOST NO! NOOOO!* I . I'VE DONE *NOTHING!!*

BEAUTIFUL *MORNING*, DON'T YOU *THINK*, HAGGARTH? A *PERFECT* DAY FOR A *MANHUNT!*
I'M AFRAID I DON'T *SHARE* YOUR *ENTHUSIASM*, BORIN

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE *EASY* TO FIND *ETHAN!* HE *APPEARS* AND *DISAPPEARS* LIKE A *SNAKE!*
WE'LL SEARCH THE LOCAL *VILLAGES*, AND SCOUR THE *VALLEYS!* WE'LL *FIND* HIM *SOMEHOW!*

THE *FUTURE* OF MY PEOPLE *DEPENDS* ON IT!

IS IT YOUR *PEOPLE'S* FUTURE THAT HANGS IN THE BALANCE, BORIN OR YOUR *OWN?* I VE SEEN THE *QUEST* FOR *POWER* TWIST MEN'S SOULS *BEFORE!*
*THINK* WHAT YOU *WILL*, MY FRIEND! THE MANUSCRIPT DOES INDEED HOLD THE FORMULA FOR DECIPHERING THE *SECRET WRITINGS* AND THEREBY, THE *POWER* OF THE *GODS* THEMSELVES!

BUT IF I WERE TO USE IT TO MY *OWN ENDS*, I WOULD BE NO BETTER THAN *THALL!*

THE TWO MEN TURNED TO THEIR HORSES YET BEFORE THEY COULD MOUNT THE ANIMALS, THEIR ATTENTION WAS SNARED BY A COMMOTION AT THE EDGE OF THE ENCAMPMENT!
H-HAGGARTH! MY FRIEND. TELL TELL THESE CUTTHROATS TO UNHAND ME!
ETHAN!
INDEED! IT'S THE THIEF WE SEEK! RELEASE HIM, MY BROTHERS!

AGAIN WE ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER, HAGGARTH, MY FAITHFUL ALLY! SEE HOW FATE INTERWINDS OUR DESTINIES!
IT SEEMS THE GODS HAVE SPARED US FROM A FUTILE SEARCH, LITTLE BEGGAR! WHAT TROUBLE HAVE YOU FOUND YOURSELF THIS TIME?
WE HAVE NO TIME FOR TRIVIAL PLEASANTRIES, HAGGARTH! WE MUST LEARN OF THE MANUSCRIPT!

ETHAN.. LISTEN TO ME! I'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT YOU AND A THIEF NAMED PUKIN CAME UPON A PARCHMENT!
A PARCHMENT?
GIVE IT TO ME, MY FRIEND, AND I WILL SEE THAT NO HARM COMES TO YOU!

YOU'LL FIND NO PARCHMENT IN THERE, BORIN! ONLY LAST NIGHT . A HOODED MAN CAME FROM THE DARKNESS AND, LIKE A MAD DOG, MADE OFF WITH THE VIAL CONTAINING THE MANUSCRIPT!

LIAR! DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A FOOL? WHERE HAVE YOU HIDDEN IT?
I GIVE YOU MY WORD OF HONOR, BORIN! TRULY... I'VE BEEN ROBBED! AND . AND UNTIL I WANDERED INTO YOUR ENCAMPMENT, I... I THOUGHT THE THIEF WOULD COME BACK AND KILL ME FOR CERTAIN!

THE THE *PRIEST!* IT WAS *HIM*, WASN'T IT? *HE'S* THE ONE WHO FOUND YOU IN THE DESERT, WHILE ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE *CASTLE! HE'S* GOT THE *MANUSCRIPT* ONCE *AGAIN!*
THAT LOW-LIFE *TRAITOR!* HE'S GOING TO KEEP THE POWER FOR *HIMSELF!*

I'LL *KILL* HIM! I *SWEAR* BY ALL THE GODS! I'LL *BREAK* HIS *YELLOW BACK* WITH MY *BARE HANDS!*
YES TELL ME *AGAIN,* FRIEND BORIN HOW *POWER* DOES NOT *CORRUPT* THE *MIND!*

WHAT WHAT'S GOING *ON* HERE? HAS EVERYONE GONE *MAD?*

*WHY* IS THERE SO MUCH *INTEREST* IN A SIMPLE *MANUSCRIPT?*
*WOULD* THAT I COULD *TELL* YOU, BEGGAR! BUT IT'S THE *KNOWLEDGE* ITSELF THAT *BRINGS* THE *MADNESS!*

BETTER THAT YOU PICK UP YOUR *BELONGINGS* AND *LEAVE* THIS REGION. .NEVER TO LOOK THIS WAY *AGAIN!*

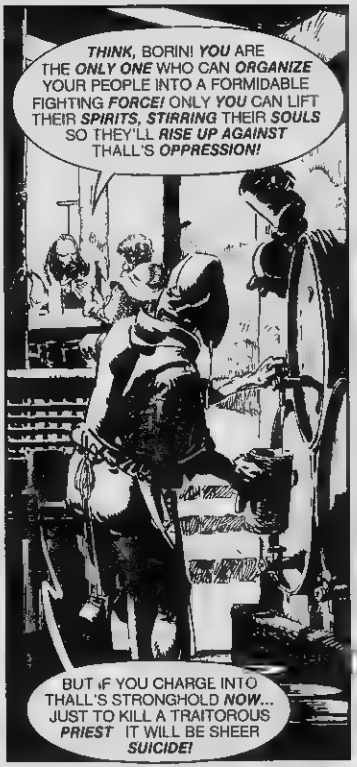
I MUST *STOP BORIN* BEFORE HE GETS HIMSELF *KILLED!*
IF HE MERELY *INSULTS* THE PRIEST WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE ROYAL CITY... THALL'S *MERCENARIES* WILL HAVE HIS *HEAD!*
HIS REBEL FORCES ARE *WEAK ENOUGH!* THEY NEED HIS LEADERSHIP *TOO MUCH* TO LOSE HIM *NOW!*

HIS *HORSE* BY THE *INN!*

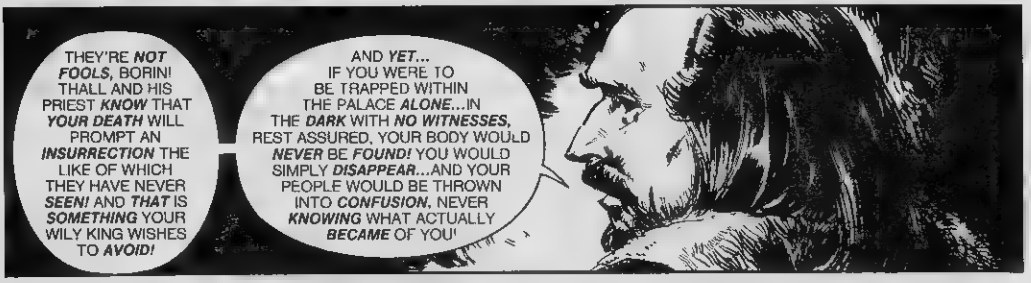
*THERE!* IN THE *CORNER!*

THINK WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO *DO,* BORIN!
WHO TOLD *YOU* TO MEDDLE IN *MY AFFAIRS,* WARRIOR! *LEAVE* ME! I'LL *DO* AS I *WISH!*

I AGREE! YOUR AFFAIRS ARE NO CONCERN OF MINE! BUT YOU'RE A FAR BETTER MAN THAN TO LET YOUR ANGER CAUSE YOU ANY MORE PROBLEMS THAN YOU ALREADY HAVE!


THINK, BORIN! YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN ORGANIZE YOUR PEOPLE INTO A FORMIDABLE FIGHTING FORCE! ONLY YOU CAN LIFT THEIR SPIRITS, STIRRING THEIR SOULS SO THEY'LL RISE UP AGAINST THALL'S OPPRESSION!
BUT IF YOU CHARGE INTO THALL'S STRONGHOLD NOW... JUST TO KILL A TRAITOROUS PRIEST IT WILL BE SHEER SUICIDE!

THERE'S A PRICE ON YOUR HEAD AS IS, AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IT!
A PRICE ON MY HEAD? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IF THEY D WANTED TO DO WAY WITH ME, THEY COULD HAVE DONE IT LONG BEFORE THIS! THEY'VE HAD TOO MANY CHANCES IN THE PAST!


THEY'RE NOT FOOLS, BORIN! THALL AND HIS PRIEST KNOW THAT YOUR DEATH WILL PROMPT AN INSURRECTION THE LIKE OF WHICH THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN! AND THAT IS SOMETHING YOUR WILY KING WISHES TO AVOID!
AND YET... IF YOU WERE TO BE TRAPPED WITHIN THE PALACE ALONE...IN THE DARK WITH NO WITNESSES, REST ASSURED, YOUR BODY WOULD NEVER BE FOUND! YOU WOULD SIMPLY DISAPPEAR...AND YOUR PEOPLE WOULD BE THROWN INTO CONFUSION, NEVER KNOWING WHAT ACTUALLY BECAME OF YOU!

HOW HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL THIS, HAGGARTH?
THE PRIEST WHO CAME TO YOUR TENT . ! HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO SEE HIM FOR FEAR THAT I WOULD GIVE HIM AWAY!
HE TRIED TO HIRE ME TO KILL YOU!

YOU . HAGGARTH!? YOU ARE TO BE MY ASSASSIN? IS THAT WHY YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO GAIN MY TRUST?

NO, BORIN! IF I'D WISHED YOU DEAD, THERE IS LITTLE ON THIS EARTH THAT COULD SAVE YOU! I WISH ONLY TO HELP Y–! WHAT THE–?
NOT TO CONCERN YOURSELF! IT'S MERELY ANOTHER TAVERN BRAWL!

NO, BORIN! I RECOGNIZE THOSE MEN! I SAW THEM WITH THE PRIEST!
THEY'LL MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A TAVERN BRAWL... IN WHICH YOU ARE ACCIDENTALLY SLAIN!

HO HO! WHAT HAVE WE HERE, MY BROTHERS? FRIGHTENED VERMIN WHO WOULD RAISE THEIR BLADES TO US! WHAT SPORT!

IS IT *SPORT* TO *SLAY* A MAN BECAUSE HE *STANDS* AGAINST YOUR DUNG-EATING *KING*, ASSASSIN?
*DUNG-EATING?!* I'LL HAVE YOUR *HEAD!*

YOU *BETRAY* YOURSELF, BUTCHER! ONLY ONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN *OPPRESSED* BY THALL'S *TYRANNY* COULD BE SO *VENOMOUS* A *KING-LOVER!*
IT IS *RARE* INDEED TO FIND AN OPPRESSED *MERCENARY!*
YOU'LL *DIE!*

*HAGGARTH* THERE ARE TOO *MANY* OF THEM!
*AGREED,* MY FRIEND! *RUN* FOR THE *HORSES!* I WILL HOLD THEM *BACK!*

*NO!* WE RUN *TOGETHER* ...STRAIGHT FOR *THALL* AND HIS *PALACE!*
IT'S SHEER [illegible]! BUT MY SWORD IS *YOURS* TO [illegible]!

MEANWHILE...WITHIN THE PALACE, A QUAVERING HIGH PRIEST STOOD BEFORE HIS DIMINUTIVE MONARCH...!
YOUR INEFFICIENCY DISAPPOINTS ME, HOLY MAN! I'VE ASKED YOU FOR BORIN'S HEAD, YET, AT THIS MOMENT, HE DROWNS HIMSELF TO A STUPOR IN THE TAVERN!
I'VE ASKED YOU FOR A SIMPLE MANUSCRIPT, YET ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN ME ARE VAGUE EXCUSES TO COVER YOUR INEPTITUDE!

IT HAS GOTTEN TO THE POINT WHERE I HAVE HAD TO TEND TO MATTERS PERSONALLY!
I HAVE ARRANGED FOR BORIN TO BE SLAIN IN A DRUNKEN TAVERN BRAWL! ONCE HE IS OUT OF THE WAY, WE WILL CONCENTRATE ON FINDING THE MANUSCRIPT!
NO! SIRE! YOU MUSTN'T DO AWAY WITH BORIN! HE. .HE'S THE ONLY LINK WE HAVE TO THE MANUSCRIPT! WITHOUT HIM, WE WE WILL NEVER FIND IT!

IDIOT! NOW YOU TELL ME THIS! I SHOULD LET SHIGA FEAST ON YOUR BONES! INSTEAD .I WILL GIVE YOU ONE MORE CHANCE!
FIND THE PARCHMENT! DO YOU HEAR ME? LEST IT MEAN YOUR DEATH!
TH-THANK YOU, SIRE! I . I PROMISE .I WON'T FAIL YOU AGAIN!

THERE. THERE IS ANOTHER MAN. A STRANGER WHO HAS BEFRIENDED BORIN! I BELIEVE HE CAN BE OF USE TO US! BUT. .BUT I'LL NEED TIME TO PERSUADE HIM!
TIME IS THE ONE THING YOU NO LONGER HAVE, PRIEST!
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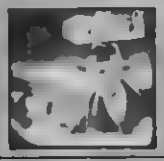

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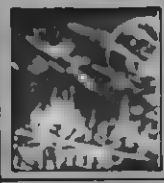

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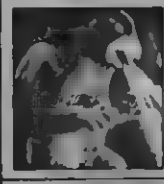

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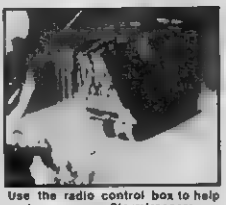

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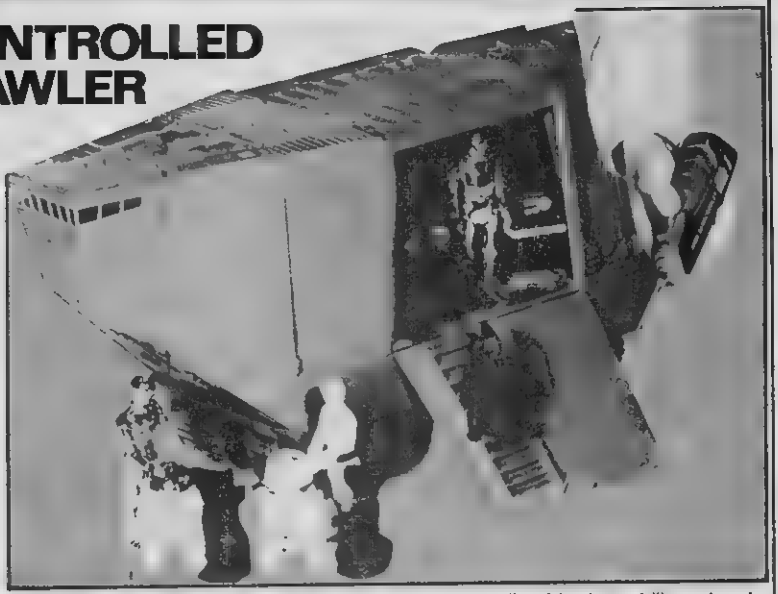

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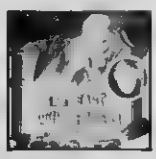

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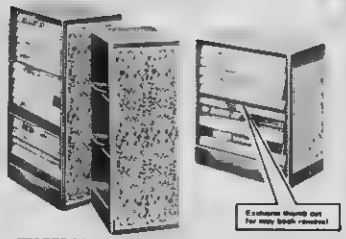


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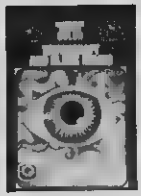

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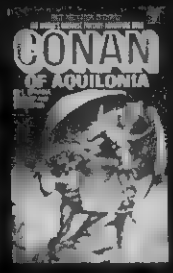


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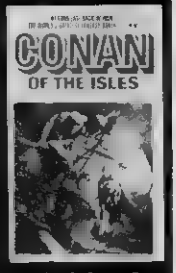


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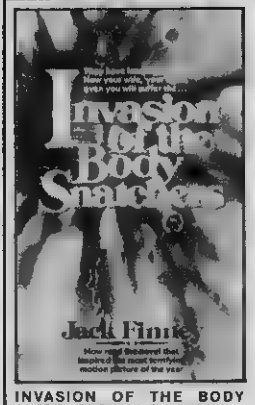


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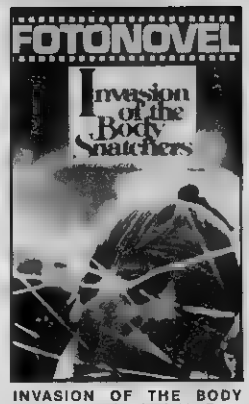


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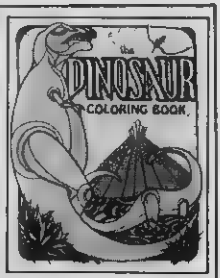


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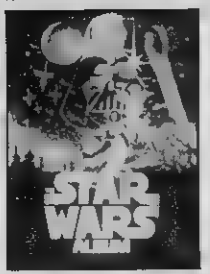


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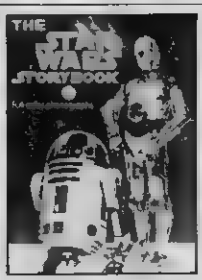


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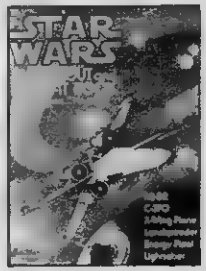


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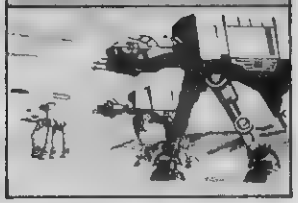

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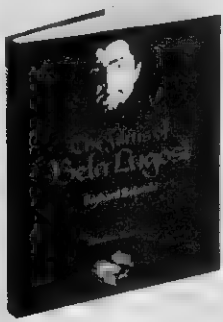

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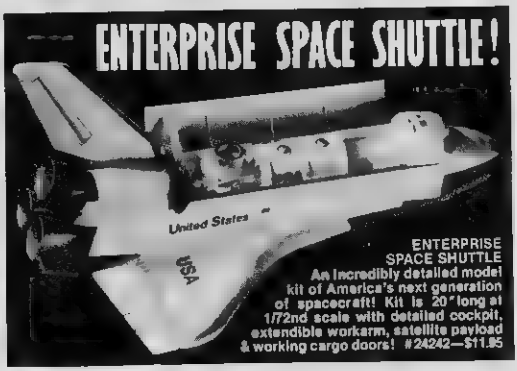


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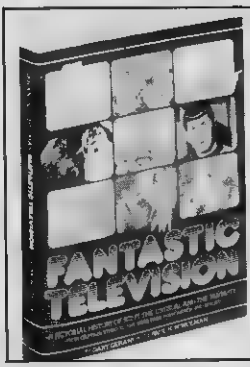


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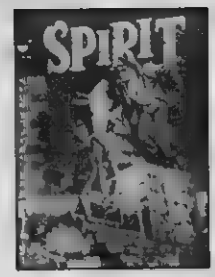
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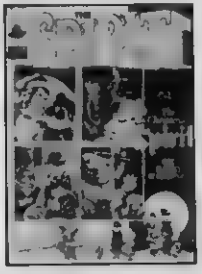
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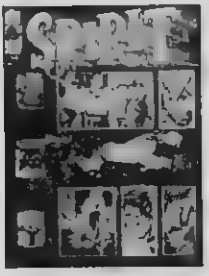
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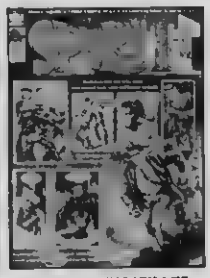
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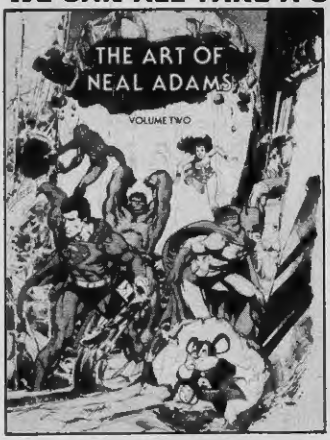


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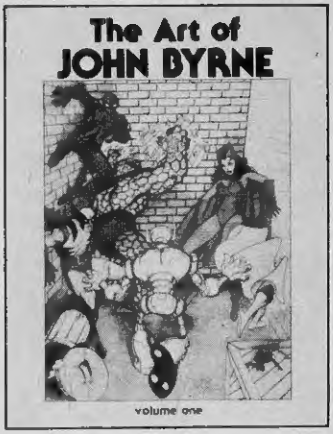


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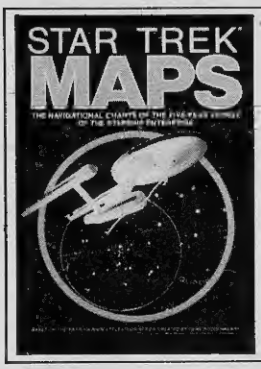


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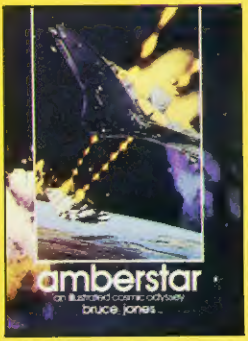


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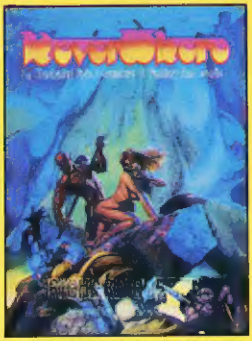


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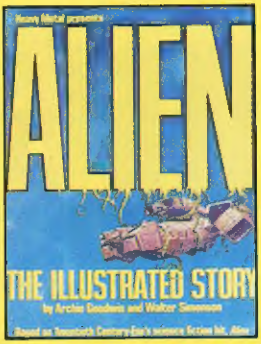


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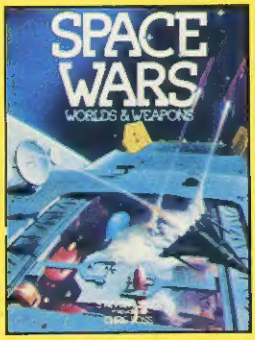


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